

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Yoshihiro UENO et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001_1708A
Filed December 6, 2001 :
**HEAD SLIDER AND DISK DRIVE
APPARATUS USING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir: /

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims: /

Kindly amend claims 5-7 as follows.

- A 5. (Amended) The head slider according to claim 1, wherein said positive pressure generating section is formed of:
- two side rails disposed at a predetermined distance from each of said disk inner edge side and said disk outer edge side so as to be extended from said air inlet end section to said air outlet end section; and
 - a cross rail having main portion thereof disposed at a predetermined distance from said air inlet end section and arranged perpendicularly to the air inflow direction and having both end portions thereof connected with said two side rails; wherein
- said negative pressure generating recess is constituted of a portion of lower-leveled face surrounded by said positive pressure generating section and a flotation improving